

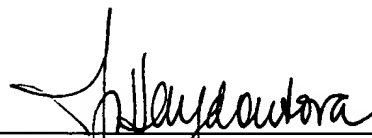
REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, new claim 137 has been added. No new matter is added by the Amendment. Thus, claims 1-27, 51, 70, 92, 116 and 137 are pending and subject to examination.

The foregoing election of Group I, including claims 1-27, 51, 70, 92 and 137, is made **with traverse**, as the Applicants respectfully submit that **(1) the Restriction Requirement is improper, and (2) that examination of all claims presents no undue burden on the Examiner**. Consideration of all pending claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 026732-00011.

Respectfully submitted,



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